

**REMARKS**

With respect to the species elections imposed, Applicants elect the following:

- (iv) an affinity domain in claims 54, 58, 101, and 116; and,
- a) nucleic acid ligand in claim 64.

The claims that read on an affinity domain are claims 52-67, 79, 83-102, and 105-116.

This species election also covers claims 58 and 101, which recite an “additional domain” and a species election has not been required with respect to this additional domain because only a single election between species (i) and (x) was required.

The claims that read on the nucleic acid ligand of claim 64 are 52-116.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicants assert they are entitled to consideration of claims to additional species that depend from the allowable generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. 1.141.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (512) 536-3081 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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